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SUBJ: SENATOR JAMES ABOUREZK ENDS KUWAIT VISIT

1. U.S. SENATOR JAMES ABOUREXK OF SOUTH DAKOTA LEFT KUWAIT TODAY FOLLOWING TALKS WITH HIS HIGHNESS THE AMIR, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE KUWAIT CABINET.

2. SPEAKING AT A PRESS BRIEFING PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, SENATOR ABOUREZK SAID THAT THE VISIT, HIS FIRST TO THE ARABIAN GULF, STRENGTHENED HIS BELIEF IN THE FUNDAMENTAL SOLIDARITY OF KUWAITI-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE NOTED THAT WHILE CURRENT PROBLEMS HAVE STRAINED THE HISTORIC FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, HE EXPECTED THOSE PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED AND HARMONY RESTORED.1:

3. HE DESCRIBED HIS TALKS WITH KUWAITI OFFICIALS AS VERY USEFUL, INFORMATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE, AND SAID HE SHARED THE KUWAITI VIEW THAT THE MIDDLE EAST TURMOIL MUST BE BROUGHT TO AN END ALONG THE LINES OF U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. HE ADDED THAT NO ENVIABLE SOLUTION CAN IGNORE THE PROBLEM OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

4. WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD RETURN TO THE SENATE TO REPRESENT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE "ARAB" POINT OF VIEW, SENATOR ABOUREZK SAID THAT HE REPRESENTS

THE "AMERICAN" POINT OF VIEW WHICH AIMS AT A LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA.

5. EARLIER IN HIS MIDDLE EAST TOUR, THE SENATOR HELD TATKS WITH HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS IN BEIRUT, DAMASCUS, CAIRO AND BAGHDAD. TOMMORROW, JAN 12, HE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH KING FAISAL OF SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER SAUDI GOVERNMENT LEADERS IN JIDDA. BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON HE PLANS TO STOP IN AMMAN AND JERUSALEM. IT IS THE SENATOR'S FIRST VISIT TO THE AREA SINCE TAKING OFFICE ABOUT A YEAR AGO.  
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